

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A method for manufacturing a three-layer, air-permeable flat-shaped article, having a stretchability and restoration properties, consisting of two outer layers, made of a porous fibrous material and a rubbery elastic inner layer disposed between and adherent to the outer layers comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing two strips made of a porous fibrous material;
- (b) applying 0.1 to 1.5 mm thick adhesive skeins, which consist of a thermoplastic that is elastic at room temperature as a hot melt in a heated liquid state, to at least one of the strips;
- (c) bringing the strips together to form a laminate; and
- (d) cooling the adhesive skeins disposed between the strips and bonded to them to form the rubbery elastic inner layer.

21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the adhesive skeins are applied in substantially parallel straight strips.

22. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the adhesive skeins are applied in meandering strips.

23. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the adhesive skeins run in substantially zig-zag or sinusoid curves whose vertices touch or overlap.

24. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the adhesive skeins are applied by means of a printing method selected from the group consisting of intaglio printing, flexoprinting and screen printing.

25. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein the adhesive skeins are applied by means of nozzles.

26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the strips forming the outer layers are fed in a direction of movement, and the nozzles are displaced during

application of the adhesive skeins in a path having a component perpendicular to the direction of the movement of the outer layers.

27. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the adhesive skeins are fed from above in a gap between the strips forming the outer layers.